

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A diffraction grating and devices employing same are disclosed. In one particular exemplary embodiment, the present invention may be realized as a diffraction grating comprising a reflective material having a blazed surface with a blaze angle between about 33 degrees and about 41 degrees, and an optically transmissive material disposed adjacent the reflective material having an index of refraction ( $n$ ), wherein the blazed surface of the reflective material has approximately  $(350 \pm 30) * n$  number of grooves per millimeter.